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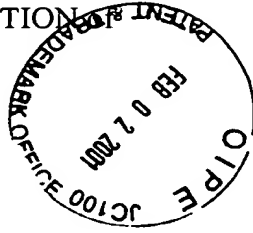
In re PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSISTING
DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM FOR VEHICLE



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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Attached is the International Preliminary Examination Report in which see the "Box V" comments on its enclosed third page concerning the novelty and inventive step statements plus the explanation concerning the two documents cited in the ISR and filed herein on October 17, 2000.

Early consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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